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SELLING OF ELECTRIFICATION THROUGH SMART CARD
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering selling of electricity throughsmart cards similar to the one made available by telephone companies;

(b) if so, the details of the functioning of the smart cards; and

(c) the extent to which the use of smart cards is likely to reduce transmission and distribution losses in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The real problem of management and the challenge of reforms in the power sector lies in distribution and distribution is the responsibility of the State Governments. Ministry of Power is advocating use of technological advances inmetering and application of information technology for finding technical solutions for effective energy audit and improved metering, billing and collection. Some utilities in other countries have been successfully using pre-paid meters.